

In 2017, the City Council formalized the Building Commissioner's authority to issue formal interpretations of the Chicago Building Code (now Chicago Construction Codes). Over the years, the Department of Buildings has issued a variety of documents under different names that interpret and provide guidance on application of the Municipal Code. As a transitional measure, this interpretation incorporates a range of earlier documents by reference.

This interpretation applies to work permitted under the 2019 Chicago Building Code or 2019 Chicago Building Rehabilitation Code (for work permitted under the pre-2019 Chicago Building Code, refer to Code Interpretation A10-2018-001).

### **Earlier Guidance Incorporated by Reference**

The following older documents are incorporated by reference and shall have the same legal effect as if issued pursuant to Section 14A-10-1002. These documents can be found on the Department's web site under "Older Code Interpretations and Memos."

#### **Administration**

(none)

#### **Building (New Construction)**

Clarification 3.1: Wood Framing Into Masonry Walls (3-4 hr. Fire Rated) (2011)

Clarification 6.1: Framing Into Walls (2011)

Clarification 9.2 Remote Power Supply Control Unit – Fire Alarm System (2011)

Memorandum: Soil Improvement Systems – Geopiers or Stone Columns (2016)

Memorandum: Earth Retention Systems (2016)

#### **Conveyance Devices**

Clarification 7.16: Elevator Enclosures (2011)

Memorandum: Skip Hoist Anchorage Intervals (2016)

Memorandum: Firefighter's Emergency Operation – Existing Elevators (2016)

#### **Electrical**

Clarification 9.2 Remote Power Supply Control Unit – Fire Alarm System (2011)

#### **Mechanical**

Memorandum: Approved HVAC Test and Balance Organizations (2016)

Memorandum: Separation of Air Intake and Exhaust Outlets on Rooftop HVAC Equipment (2016)

Memorandum: Polypropylene Plastic as an Approved Piping Material for Hydronic Systems (2016)

Memorandum: Gas Distribution Piping Inside of Buildings (2016)

Memorandum: Use of Door Undercut for Make-Up Air Transfer to Dwelling Unit (2016)

Memorandum: Power Ventilators for Restaurant Exhaust (2017)

## **Plumbing Code**

Memorandum: Use of Portable Hand Sinks for Temporary Cooking or Food Preparation Stations (2016)

## **Rehabilitation Code (Repairs, Alterations and Additions)**

Clarification 34.4 Replacement of Existing Porches and Decks (2011)

Clarification 34.5 Materials and Installation Standards for Retrofit Fire Protection Systems (2011)

## **Minimum Requirements for Existing Buildings**

(none)

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This formal interpretation of the Chicago Construction Codes is adopted by the Building Commissioner pursuant to section 14A-10-1002 of the Chicago Construction Codes Administrative Provisions and has the same legal effect as the provisions of the Chicago Construction Codes. To confirm current version, please visit <http://www.chicago.gov/buildings>.